



## SPOKANE.

## FURTHER PARTICULARS OF SUNDAY'S GREAT CONFLAGRATION. OFFICIALS' CONDUCT.

Grand and Appalling Picture Presented by the Flames—Loss Now Estimated at Ten Million Dollars.

SPOKANE FALLS, W. T., August 6.—The wires are now in such a condition that somewhat fuller particulars of Sunday's conflagration can be given. The fire started at 6:15 o'clock p. m. in the roof of the Loring house on Railroad avenue, third door from the postoffice. A dead calm prevailed at the time, and the spectators supposed that the firemen would speedily bring the flames under control. This could have been done if better precautions had been taken, but the superintendent of the water works was out of the city, and for some reason, the man in charge failed to respond to the call for more pressure. The heat created a current of air, and in less than half an hour the entire block of frame shops were

ENVELOPED IN FLAMES and burning shingles and other debris filled the air, igniting several of the adjoining blocks.

At the same time the opposite block to that in which the fire originated in which the Pacific hotel, one of the handsomest structures in the northwest, took fire, it was now 10 o'clock and by that time a high wind prevailed from the southwest, and it was evident that the entire business portion of the city was in danger. The mayor ordered that the buildings be blown up with gaint powder to check the spread of the fire. This order was speedily put into effect, and the explosions added to the reign of terror. The picture was weird, grand and awful. Block after block yielded to the demon of destruction. The sky was overcast with black clouds.

A STRONG WIND sprang up from the northeast, fanning the flames furiously, while an upper current continued to carry the burning timbers in the opposite direction. The Grand hotel, Washington block, Eagle block, Tull block, New Granite block, the Cushing building, Falls City opera house, Hyatt block, all the banks, and in fact every house from Railroad avenue north to the river and from Lincoln street east to Washington street, with the exception of a few buildings on the northeast corner, were totally destroyed.

Meantime the sudden change in the direction of the wind carried the fire southward across Railroad avenue and destroyed the Northern Pacific passenger and freight depots and several cars. The freight depot was a splendid structure, and was filled to the roof with valuable merchandise, very little of which was saved. The terrifying shrieks of a dozen locomotives mingled with the roar of the flames, the bursting of cartridges, the booming of giant powder, the hoarse shouts of men, and the pitiful shrieks of women and children constituted a scene never to be forgotten. Looking upward the broad and mighty river of flame was against the jet black sky.

Occasionally two opposing currents of wind met, causing a whirlwind of fire that seemed to penetrate the clouds, forming all sorts of fantastic gyrations. In this manner the appalling monster held high carnival until about 1 o'clock, when Howard street bridge over the river went down. The boom of logs took fire and burned for hours on the crystal surface of the river. Many times flying sparks of fire covered the river, igniting the mammoth lumber and flouring mills that lined its banks, but by heroic efforts its career was checked on the south side of the stream. Looking backwards, however, the beholder witnessed

A SCENE OF DEVASTATION that was fearful to contemplate. Fragments of what were four hours before magnificent structures of brick and granite stood like grim sentinels over the surface of the burning sea. All was devastation and ruin. The burned district embraces thirty blocks besides the depot. The only brick houses left standing are the Crescent block and American theater. The schools and churches, college and hospital were beyond the lines of the burned district, and were not lost. It is impossible at this writing to estimate the loss with any degree of accuracy, but it will not fall short of

TEN MILLION DOLLARS, with an insurance of about one-fourth of that amount. The banks have obtained temporary quarters, and several have already opened for business. The work of clearing away the debris has already begun, and the work of rebuilding will be commenced at once. The firemen are blowing up dangerous walls, and a militia company is guarding the burned district, while mounted police patrol the whole city. The company will be reinforced by a company from Walla-Walla to-day.

The city council has held a meeting

and discussed a resolution prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings in the burnt district, and a mass meeting of citizens sustained it unanimously. It will be passed at a regular meeting Wednesday evening. The council has passed a resolution revoking licenses of all hotels and restaurants and dealers in provisions who advance their prices. Only two saloons remain, and they have been closed by order of the mayor. The council ordered the committee on fire, water and sewers to investigate the cause of the absence of its superintendent of the works, as the man left in charge was incompetent. A hopeful feeling prevails, and, although the destruction will retard the progress of the city for a time, it is impossible that resources so vast and stability so well established should be blotted out. It will rise again grander and better than before and will still claim its position as the commercial center of eastern Washington.

## THE SIOUX RESERVATION.

The Indians Finally Sign Away Their Lands, and the Whites are Rejoiced.

CHICAGO, August 6.—A dispatch from Standing Rock agency says the requisite number of signatures for opening the great Sioux reservation was finally secured last evening. The sensation of the day was the signing by Chief Gall, and all his band followed him. All day the Indians signed, and now the 11,000,000 acres of land to which the whites have been looking longingly for years are theirs. The commissioners are rejoiced over their success. It is predicted that the rush to the reservation will be greater than the Oklahoma stampede, as the land is of much better quality, and the prospects for prosperity are brighter. Gen. Crooks said the commissioners hope to close their report within a few weeks and place everything in readiness for the formal opening of the reservation.

## ROW AMONG BARBERS.

A Negro Tonsorial Artist Murders Another and is Himself Fatally Shot.

CHICAGO, August 6.—The colored barbers' picnic, at Island park yesterday, wound up with a fatal affray. Cal Duncan imagined Ed Bennett had insulted his wife, and whipping out a revolver shot Bennett through the head and killed him. He then walked down to the depot. A crowd of Bennett's friends followed and found Duncan in the waiting room. He tried to use his revolver, but his pursuers put four bullets into his body before he could shoot. He rose and again tried to fire, and two more bullets followed the preceding four. As he lay on his face bleeding from his wounds a big negro jumped on him, and with a knife slashed his back until the flesh lay in strips. Not satisfied with this, some of the crowd kicked the prostrate man about the head. One hammered him with a brick. A special officer had a hard time driving them away at the point of a revolver. Duncan was brought to the city, and died during the night.

## Suicide at Jefferson.

SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN. JEFFERSON, August 6.—Mrs. Elma Rathhouse, recently from St. Louis, committed suicide this morning about 10 o'clock by cutting her throat with a razor. She had made several attempts heretofore with morphine and rough on rats, but failed. The woman was thought to be demented.

## The Smiths and Slushers.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., August 6.—The quarrel which has been going on for some days between the Smith and Slusher families, in Bell county, culminated in a fatal meeting last Friday. Wm. Smith and forty armed men went to Flat Lick, and about 1 o'clock in the afternoon were attacked by the Slusher faction, who opened fire on them from a mountain 200 yards distant. The Smith party sought shelter and both sides kept up the firing for several hours. Jim Minter, of Slusher's force, was the only man killed. The quarrel grew out of a contest between the families over a \$2 hog.

## Senator Quay's Cruise.

PHILADELPHIA, August 6.—United States Senator M. S. Quay started to-day from this city on an extended trip on the steam yacht Manatee. He took with him as guests J. Sloan Fassett, of New York, Col. A. L. Conger, of Ohio, Wm. C. Goodloe, of Kentucky, and Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson, all members of the republican national committee. It is the intention of the party to cruise along the Atlantic coast as far north as Bar Harbor, calling at Atlantic City, Cape May and other points, but the programme of the trip will depend entirely upon the weather.

## Killed Them Both.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 6.—A dispatch from Ensley City received by the Age-Herald at midnight, reports that Andy Williams went home and found Wm. McCutchen in his room with his wife. He killed them both with a revolver and left.

## GALVESTON.

## STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE GALVESTON AND WESTERN R. R. COMPANY.

The Company Fifty Thousand Dollars in Debt—Plan to Increase the Stock by Forty New Stockholders.

Special to the Statesman.

GALVESTON, August 6.—A review of the statement of the financial condition of the Galveston and Western Railway company submitted by the directors at the meeting of the stockholders last Saturday evening by a stockholder shows that company to be over fifty thousand dollars in debt. Upon the admission of forty additional stockholders, increasing the number to eighty, the directors on the part of the original stockholders represented in the interest of the proposed reorganization that \$70,000 would be ample to equip and rebuild so much of the road as would be necessary for the sand business, this to include the \$21,140 paid for the first 1,800 shares of stock.

At this time a total of \$80,000 had been realized for 400 shares of stock, the expenditure of \$70,000 would equip the road for its local business, and leave a surplus of \$10,000 in the treasury. It was agreed that by taking in forty additional shareholders and increasing the capital stock, the cash available would leave a nest-egg of \$90,000 with which to carry out such plans for the extension of this road as might be agreed upon by the stockholders.

The management of the road was placed in the hands of seven directors, as follows: B. Adoue, W. L. Moody, F. L. Lee, W. Gresham, W. B. Wallis, J. C. League and J. N. Burnett.

As near as can be gathered B. Adoue took little interest in the management. Mr. Moody was away, and of course had practically nothing to do with the management. Mr. Gresham was also absent. So the management was left practically to Mr. League, the president, and Messrs. Wallis, Lee and Burnett.

The result has been the rebuilding and equipping of about fifteen miles of narrow gauge road, at a total cost of \$156,964.55, or something over \$10,000 per mile, instead of \$70,000, or less than \$5,000 per mile.

Under the amended charter obtained in June nine directors were provided for. J. H. Burnett, of the old board, having resigned, assigning as a reason that he would not be a party to such a reckless expenditure of the stockholders' money, to fill the three places on the board A. M. Shannon, Dr. T. E. Thompson and Julius Runge were elected.

About this time President League intimated that it was necessary to have more money. This annoyed the new directors on the board as \$82,840 in cash had been collected on the original issue of 400 shares of stock, and \$15,200 on the second issue, making a total cash collection of \$97,840.

It was evident from the president's demand that this amount was expended and a statement demanded. This was made last Saturday eve, and developed a more deplorable state of affairs than was dreamed of. It showed a total expenditure of \$189,842 with receipts of \$32,620, leaving a deficit of \$157,222. To meet this deficit there is uncollected on the stock \$64,800, and when paid into the treasury, if it ever is, will leave a balance to the credit of the company of \$8,180 instead of \$9,005, as it was formerly believed by the innocents who came in last on the ground floor at the June reorganization.

This is not all. Since the full fifteen miles of road has been rebuilt and equipped with steel rails the old directory discovered that it would be cheaper to cross the bay for an outlet several miles further east than the present terminus. This exhibit has caused intense dissatisfaction, and while there are no charges of dishonesty made against the directory, there is a very general desire to get out and let what once promised to be a magnificent and profitable enterprise fail.

A warm time is anticipated at the meeting of stockholders next Tuesday, and rich developments are expected.

## Senators Reagan and Stewart in Dakota.

CHICAGO, August 6.—A special from Aberdeen, Dak., says: Senators Reagan and Stewart, of the senate irrigation committee, arrived here Sunday. An exhibition of the force of the city's artesian well was given and a public meeting held at the opera house, at which both senators spoke at length. They announced the conviction that irrigation by artesian wells was practicable and Senator Reagan said that land now worth from \$6 to \$10, when properly irrigated, would be worth \$50 per acre.

Senator Stewart discoursed upon the demonization of silver at great length, denouncing the money bags of Wall street, and calling upon the people of the new states to elect senators

and representatives who would help to break the influence of the bondholders. "The debt cannot be paid in gold," declared Senator Stewart. "It would bankrupt the country."

Senator Reagan followed in the same vein. The committee is evidently bent on doing missionary work in the new states. This is the first public meeting held upon the Sabbath in the history of Dakota.

## TWO TRAGEDIES.

A Young Man Blows His Brains Out—Another Shot Dead in His Tracks.

MADISON, Ind., Aug. 6.—This usually peaceful and quiet city was the scene last night of two awful tragedies. The first case was that of Wm. Johnson, a well-known young man. He intended to go south this morning, and last night, with his sweetheart, Miss Sadie Athey, attended a wedding. After the ceremony he took Miss Athey home, and before leaving begged her to marry him. This she declined to do, when, becoming desperate, he suddenly drew a revolver and fired, fortunately missing her; but thinking he had killed her he placed the weapon to his own head and blew his brains out, dying instantly.

The other case is that in which young George Schlick shot Richard Sisco, son of Marshal Sisco, killing him instantly. Schlick had quarrelled with Sisco's brother, and afterward found Dick Sisco in a saloon and shot him dead, at the time slightly wounding Raeder and a man named Close, who essayed to stop him. Schlick got away, but was discovered at his home this morning by Walter Sisco, the dead man's brother, who tried to arrest him, but Schlick cut his would-be captor dangerously across the throat and made good his escape, being still at large.

## A Horrible Murder.

ST. LOUIS, August 6.—Sheriff Pohlman has declined to appoint a jury to pass upon the sanity of the wife murderer, Wm. Anderson, who is under sentence to be hanged next Friday. There is evidently no hope for Anderson, and the preparations for the execution have been commenced. Anderson is weakening and will not talk. His crime was a brutal one, he having killed his wife with a base ball bat while she was asleep.

## Kentucky Election.

LOUISVILLE, August 6.—A special to the Evening Times indicates that Stephen G. Sharp, democratic candidate for treasurer of Kentucky, has been re-elected by between 30,000 and 40,000 majority. The democrats gain eight, and possibly more, seats in the legislature.

## Attached by the Sheriff.

OSWEGO, N. Y., August 6.—The property of the Riverside and Oswego Mills company, owning extensive worsted mills at Oswego Falls, Oswego county, was to-day attached by the sheriff on an attachment for \$412,000 in an action brought by Julius McKenzie & Co., dry goods commission merchants of New York city.

## NEWS SUMMARY.

## DOMESTIC.

The new cruiser Atlanta broke a piece of her machinery during her trial trip.

In the land office at Washington there were about half a million acres of land certified to railroads during the fiscal year ending June 31.

Kentucky democrats elected their state treasurer by 40,000 majority, being a large democratic gain.

The loss at Spokane Falls is now estimated at \$10,000,000, with one-fourth that amount insured.

The mayor of Chicago had an interview with Burke in jail.

A lawyer of Carthage, Mo., hanged himself with a wire.

## FOREIGN.

In the French election the republicans carried 949 and the conservatives 489 places.

The revolt in Crete is spreading.

## STATE.

The Galveston and Western railway is largely in debt.

Mrs. Rathhouse suicided at Jefferson.

Fred Peck, a boy, has been arrested, charged with the awful murder of Leroy Beck.

## Houston Defeated.

Special Telegram to the Statesman.

FORT WORTH, August 6.—Fort Worth scored a hard won victory over Houston to-day. It took twelve innings to decide the contest.

Score by innings: Fort Worth.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 5 Houston.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

## CUBA.

## A CITIZEN KIDNAPPED.

HAVANA, August 5.—Senor Martinez Alonzo was kidnapped near Aguacate. A posse of the civil guard later engaged the bandits and in the confusion consequent upon this attack, Senor Alonzo succeeded in effecting his escape.

## GOLDTHWAITE.

## EXAMINING TRIAL OF FRED PECK CHARGED WITH ASSASSINATION OF LEROY BECK.

Statement of the Alleged Murderer and His Explanation of His Presence at the Scene of the Murder.

Special to the Statesman.

GOLDTHWAITE, Tex., Aug. 6.—The examining trial of Fred Peck, for the murder of Mr. Leroy Beck, was begun to-day. At the request of some of his friends his statement is given in full, as follows: On August 1, 1889, I left my home in Big Valley and started to Big Valley post office. I think I left about 9 p. m. I went up to and stopped at the residence of Mr. Nelson, about two miles from my home, the way I had to go. I stayed there about an hour and a half. Then I went on to the post office, three and a half or four miles; stayed there fifteen or twenty minutes. Inquired for my mail. The postmistress told me one of the Ezell boys had gotten it. I got some of my neighbors' mail and started home. It was after 12 o'clock when I left the postoffice. I went to Mrs. Ezell's to get my mail and stopped there and took dinner. Mrs. Ezell lives about three miles from the post office. I got a postal card for my father that had a proposition relative to some grazing land above there. It must have been 1 or 1:30 when I ate dinner at Mrs. Ezell's. I stayed there an hour or an hour and a half and fed my pony and read the newspapers. Then I went upon Pecan creek to look at this land. It is about a mile or a mile and a half to this land. I rode over the land, then I looked for father's sheep; guess I rode on the sheep ranch an hour after I looked at the land. I came back across the land and came into the public road leading down from the valley to Williams' ranch; came into the road when the sun was between an hour and a half high; came into this road about 100 yards north of the corner of Wood Miller's field; rode a short distance, when I was overtaken by Mr. Leroy Beck, who was riding horse back. He had his little girl behind him. I was riding on the right hand side of the road, he on my left going towards Big Valley. I had ridden down the road nearly to Will Ezell's field; saw Mr. Levi Ezell about fifteen steps to the left of the road and spoke to him; rode on across a hollow about 150 yards from the corner of Will Ezell's field; just after crossing the hollow some one ran up behind us there; two or three ran up behind us and shot Mr. Beck off his horse; my pony turned when the shooting began and ran away with me; I went into the woods; I don't know which way she went; I was scared so bad I did not know anything; I kept running where it was clear enough, and when it was too bushy I went a slow gait. The first place I recognized when I came into the road was Wash Mauldin's place. Then I commenced running again, ran down the road, saw some parties in the road, took to the woods again and stayed in the woods until I came into the road near Steve Trowbridge's place, and there I turned and went up the road to Mr. Nelson's. I was afraid to tell what I knew, and when told the news I feigned some surprise. My reason for going to Mr. Nelson's was that I had an engagement with a young lady there to take her to a party. When I heard the news I went home, got a fresh horse, ate some supper, then went back from there to the inquest; hitched my horse back from the crowd and went up near enough to hear what was said; heard my name mentioned suspiciously; I don't know who by, but was afraid to show myself for fear I would be killed, as I knew Mr. Beck had many friends. I got two boys, Keith Ezell and Charley Trowbridge, to go with me for company and protection; I went to the residence of Mr. J. D. Willis that night, told him of Mr. Beck's murder and that my name had been mentioned. I asked his advice; my reason for going to him was that I knew that he was my friend and an officer. He advised me to stay around there until he could go and see if I had just cause to have any fear. He returned that night and wished to come to Goldthwaite next day. I came with him. I was not under arrest nor in his custody at any time. I acted voluntarily. I was arrested August 3 by Sheriff Cunningham. Have been in jail since then. That's all I have to say. I wish to further state that as near as I could tell the parties who did the shooting came from the left side of the road. I didn't recognize any of them; couldn't describe them nor their horses.

The examining trial will be continued tomorrow. There are several other witnesses.

## Immigration Movement.

Special to the Statesman.

FORT WORTH, August 6.—The Fort Worth board of trade, through its secretary, Gen. R. A. Cameron, to-day called a northwest Texas immigration convention to meet at Fort Worth Saturday, August 17, to form a permanent organization to invite immigration to northwest Texas. The northwest is thoroughly aroused, and it is believed the most practicable and profitable immigration organization Texas has had will result from this convention. It is expected that other sections of Texas will organize similarly.

## Challenging the Sluggers.

Special to the Statesman.

FORT WORTH, August 6.—Jake Campbell, the Texas slugger, who challenged Jake Kilrain to fight him the first week in October, having received no reply from Kilrain, today proclaimed himself the champion of the world and challenged John L. Sullivan, Jim Smith, Charley Mitchell and McCaffrey to fight the first week in October, London prize rules, for any sum whatever. Campbell is in earnest.

## The Texas League.

Special to the Statesman.

FORT WORTH, August 6.—The Texas Base Ball league met here to-day and decided to close the season August 19, one month earlier than the scheduled time. The dropping out of Waco made this action necessary. This virtually declares the Houston team the pennant winner. The Dallas team has formally challenged the Houston nine to play nine games of ball after the league season closes for \$500 a side, the club winning a majority of the games to take the \$1,000.

## A Terrible Death.

Special to the Statesman.

BONHAM, August 6.—Information has been received from Mexico of the horrible death of Wm. McKamy, who formerly resided here and who is well known throughout Texas. He was working in his father's gold mine and gone into the quartz crusher to repair some part of the machinery, and his assistants, not knowing that he was in, started the machinery with the above terrible result.

## Accidental Shooting.

Special to the Statesman.

GALVESTON, August 6.—Jim Turner, Frank Barnes and Louis Carraway, negro boys, were out hunting near the fair grounds yesterday evening. Barnes accidentally shot Turner, who was lying on the ground near him, in the head. Turner cannot survive, as last accounts from him say his brain was oozing from the wound in the head where the charge entered.

## A Pitcher's Arm Broken.

KANSAS CITY, August 6.—James Hamilton, the Weir pitcher, met with a peculiar accident in a game at Weir City yesterday. The force of the delivery of a ball broke his arm square in two between the shoulder and the elbow.

## Arrest of Dick Tate.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., August 4.—The Herald has just received a telegram announcing that Dick Tate, of Kentucky, the defaulting treasurer has been arrested at Scottsborough, Ala.

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